

Police await lab results in fatal train accident

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

Romulus Police hope the results from a toxicology report will shed some light on a fatal accident and train derailment that occurred early Friday morning in the city.

"There was definitely alcohol involved, but until the report comes back from the state crime lab we won't know to what extent," said Romulus Police Lt. John Leacher.

Raymond Blackburn, 25, of Romulus, was killed when the van in which he was traveling struck a CSX train at the crossing on Tobine Road at Shook around 3 a.m.

The train was fully across the tracks when the van, traveling south on Tobine, struck the train, according to Leacher.

The owner of the van, Ryan Evans, 24, of Romulus, was taken to University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor where he was listed in good condition on Monday, according to a hospital spokesperson.

"We're still putting the pieces of the puzzle together," Leacher said. "We're not sure who was driving yet."

The train dragged the van for about 2 miles before it caused the train to derail at the Van

Born crossing, according to David Hall, director of corporate communications for CSX Transportation.

The derailment occurred at cars 26 through 32. There were two locomotives and 68 cars with 34 loads and 34 empties, so the impact occurred near the center of the train.

The tank cars were back on tracks around 4:30 p.m. Friday. Workers restored the track by about 12:10 a.m. Saturday, Hall said.

"This incident is a tragedy and we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of those involved," Hall said.

Highway-rail grade crossing collisions continue to pose a problem across the nation. Last year, according to Hall, there were, "Twenty five collisions at CSX grade crossings in Michigan, resulting in eight injuries. This is a terrible reminder of why it is so important to use caution when approaching grade crossings."

When the van collided with the train, the tracks at the crossing as well were damaged. These damages were repaired by about 4 p.m. Friday.

Seven cars were involved in the derailment. The first and seventh cars were leaning, with the five cars in the middle overturned, according to Peter Burrus, a general manager at CSX.



Rail workers got things back on track within about 24 hours of the Friday truck-train accident that derailed a locomotive near Tobine Road, but police are still waiting for lab results to determine what role alcohol played in the wreck, which killed Raymond Blackburn and injured Ryan Evans, both of Romulus.

Burrus said there was no product spilled during the derailment, no contamination in the area or damage to underground fiber optic cables and electrical lines.

There are no gates at the crossing on Tobine at Shook, but flashing lights and an audible signal, which are required by law, were working at the time of the accident, according to Leacher.

"We don't believe that there's been a fatality at that crossing before—at least not recently," Leacher said.

Jamie Greenwood of Romulus lives about 200 yards from the crossing where the van hit the train.

"I'd set my alarm for 4 a.m., and when I woke up I saw flashing lights through my window," he said. "My wife and I jumped out of bed to see what was going on. We saw a lot of fire trucks and police cars."

Greenwood said the absence of streetlights along Shook Road leaves the crossing very dark.

Mike Bratcher, owner of Bratcher Electric at 35728 Van

Born Road, learned about the accident around 6 a.m. Friday. He had to close his business for the day since police had blocked entry into the area near the derailment.

"We're virtually not doing any business today," he said. "I'm doing paperwork since it's so quiet."

Police said they will wait until the completion of the investigation and laboratory results before determining if any charges will be filed in the incident.

Victim's father recalls son's too-brief years

Raymond James Blackburn, the 25-year-old Romulus man killed when the vehicle in which he was traveling collided with a train Friday morning, was like a lot of guys his age. He liked sports, music and hanging out with his friends.

"His friends meant everything to him," said his father, Raymond Blackburn Jr.

His mother, Charmaine, said Raymond or "Ray," played left field for a softball team, the Hit Men, in Romulus and worked for John Carlo Construction Inc. in Clinton Township. He was also a member of the Laborers Union.

Services for Mr. Blackburn were yesterday at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

Mr. Blackburn, who is survived by his parents and younger brother, Jeremiah, graduated in 1995 from Romulus High School. He was unmarried.

"I saw him about 3 p.m. the day before the accident and he said he had a date that night,"



Raymond Blackburn

said his father: "I didn't know the girl he was supposed to go out with."

Blackburn said he's talked to people who saw his son at Walter's Bar at Romulus Lanes, a

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Romulus High School students in Wendy Pachota's mentoring group have been involved in the Adoptapatoon project, sending cards to soldiers in Kuwait and Afghanistan. From left: Jonathon Studshill, Araelle Yharbrough, Lauren Block, Jeff Kelsey, Ronny Cornelius, Deanna Davidson, Nikki Armstrong, Jessica Demmy, Philip Warren, Chris Kreutzer, Patricia Sucharski, Pachota, Lawrence Stephenson and Brandon Johnson.

Students lift soldiers' spirits

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Imagine being miles from home in a foreign country, away from your family, friends and creature comforts. A simple card or letter, even from a stranger, could mean a lot.

With this thought, Romulus students are trying to brighten

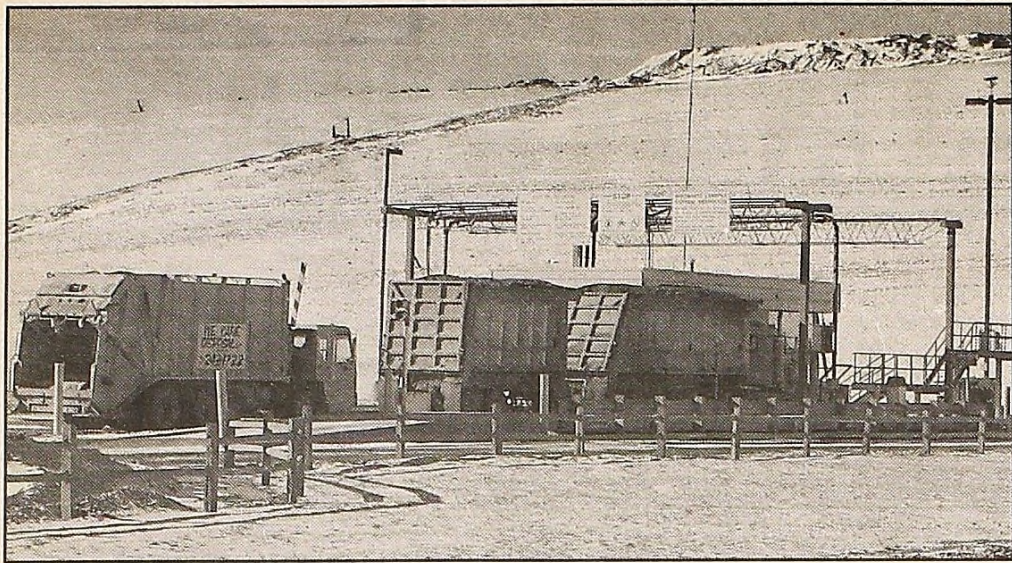
the days of U.S. soldiers stationed in Kuwait and Afghanistan by sending valentine greetings.

Students sent troops about 1,500 valentines this week. The project is part of the national Adoptapatoon (AAP) Soldier Support Effort. The group is a nonprofit organization that links individuals and organizations,

such as schools, synagogues, churches, scouts, 4-H centers and companies to deployed soldiers.

"The elementary schools and the middle schools have really jumped on board," said Kathy Hurst, district learning coordinator for the Romulus school district and coordinator of the local

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Trucks line up at the Carleton Farms landfill in Sumpter Township where Canadian trash has been imported for disposal since Jan. 1. State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) is attempting to curb the import of solid waste from other countries.

Senator hopes to curb landfill useage

Scott Spielman
Editor

While seeking his seat in the Michigan State Senate, Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) would often use his displeasure of the Carleton Farms landfill as a campaign issue.

When residents of Huron or Sumpter townships would tell him he didn't know enough about their communities to represent them in Lansing, he would ask:

"What do they grow at Carleton Farms?"

The question would sometimes check the residents, who would then guess that apples or corn were the crops grown at the "farm."

Patterson would then tell them his answer: flies were the only item grown at the site, a 640-acre landfill in their own backyard.

The buzzing insects may still be the largest "crop" at the site, but since Jan. 1, residents have noticed another pest invading their community: waste trucks hauling Canadian trash, and it is a bumper-to-bumper crop.

Traffic flowing into the landfill has increased since a landfill in Ontario, Canada, closed down and Toronto began to ship all city trash across the border and into Sumpter Township.

Patterson, who is the vice chair of the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee in the State Senate, said he hopes to be able to do something to control the situation.

He introduced a resolution last week that would give Michigan the authority to ban out-of-state solid waste dumping as soon as Congress amends federal law.

"Michigan has been forced to become one of the largest dumping grounds of imported solid waste in the country," he said. "This is unacceptable. There is considerable concern over protecting our environment."

Patterson said he has long fought with the issue, and the recent situation with Carleton Farms and the City of Toronto has only added fuel to his desire to protect the environmental quality of the State of Michigan. The resolution he introduced last week is similar to one he drafted and introduced two years ago while serving in the House of Representatives, but Congress failed to act on the previous version, he said.

Even with the publicity the Sumpter situation has generated - it's been prominent in local news outlets and was featured in the New York Times - Patterson said he

"I understand what their plight is, but I have to find a responsible position to take."

Senator Bruce Patterson

knows he faces an uphill battle.

The U.S. Congress is the only body able to regulate interstate commerce, which covers such issues as trash importing and exporting. That was decided in 1992 by the U.S. Supreme Court with a ruling in Fort Gratiot Sanitary Landfill vs. Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Patterson said he's been working with Congressman Mike Rogers, but the problem is that at the federal level, there are more congressmen from states that export trash than there are congressmen from states that import garbage.

Patterson said the solution, or at least a part of the solution, might be to concentrate on banning waste from other countries.

"There's probably not as many congressmen in Washington from Toronto," he quipped. "They might not be as upset about (banning imported waste) if it's coming from outside of the country."

Patterson has faced uphill battles when he's tackled environmental issues before. He successfully placed the Great Lakes Protection Act on the ballot last year, which would allow the state to bond for \$1 billion to help communities fix aging sewer systems.

This legislation would be another way to help protect the Michigan environment, he said.

"Being forced to accept unlimited volumes of garbage from outside the state is a serious long-term problem," he said. "It would seem that with the long-term effects place on Michigan, we should have the ability to regulate what comes across state and international borders."

Sumpter Township gets an additional \$2.3 million in revenue from the landfill, Patterson said. And while officials there might not be thrilled with the additional 100 garbage trucks that make their daily pilgrimage to the landfill, the funds may be difficult to part with in the slow economic period.

"I understand what their plight is, but I have to find a responsible position to take," Patterson said. "In the long term, the State of Michigan has to have some power to regulate this. What's more important?"

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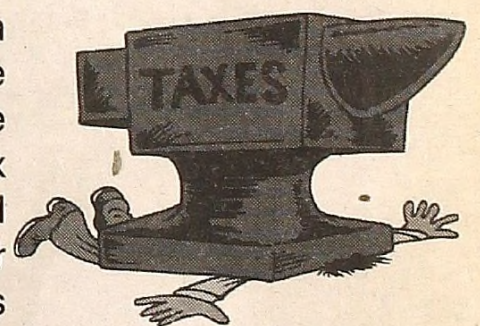
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Councilman unleashes effort to fund new animal shelter

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

For those who love animals and tax deductions in equal measure, Romulus City Councilman William Wadsworth has just the ticket — the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter.

Fundraising efforts are just getting under way to help pay for a new animal shelter in Romulus, where citizens have offered ideas on how to attract dollars for a new home for stray dogs and cats.

"We have to do something with that place on the corner (of Wayne and Goddard roads)," said Wadsworth. "It's disgusting."

Steve Jones, director of public relations for the City of Romulus, said that members of the staff at the animal shelter are "going above and beyond the call of

duty" by working in a building not well-equipped for the job.

"This building does not even have a restroom," he said.

Annie Hall, animal control officer, recently said staff members were left to use the restroom at the Burger King across the street or at the ambulance dispatch office next door, often disturbing EMS workers who are sleeping.

"So, this money will be used not only for the care of the animals at the shelter but also the people who care for the animals," Jones said.

Wadsworth, who is spearheading the fund drive, scheduled a brainstorming session on the lower level of city hall last week to update recent efforts in the campaign. So far, only \$700 sits in the special city account established for donations to the shel-

ter, according to Wadsworth.

About 50 people attended the meeting. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 19 at the same location.

Jones plans to mail a letter to Romulus businesses and residents urging their support.

Hall will distribute fliers about the cause to businesses and schools.

"There are businesses in Romulus that simply haven't been asked to donate yet," Jones said. "At this point it's a matter of not being shy about asking for donations."

"Romulus Marketplace already wants to set something up for donations," Jones said.

Donors can send their checks made payable to Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter to Romulus City Hall, Treasurer's Office, 11111 Wayne Road,

Romulus, MI 48174.

Area residents can also contribute to the new shelter by cutting and saving Spartan Universal Product Codes (UPC) scanner codes from labels, packages or cartons. Glass labels that are glued on can be soaked and then removed. For every 1,000 Spartan UPC scan bars collected, \$20 will go toward a new shelter.

Labels can be dropped off at Romulus schools, businesses or the Romulus Animal Shelter on Goddard, just east of Wayne Road.

"Let's widen the circle," Jones said. "Let's contact Purina, Iams, Science Diet and some other pet food manufacturers for donations. I want this effort to be local and global. I think a lot of companies look for opportunities like this."

Debbie Romak, city council



William Wadsworth

member, said, "I think to get more support we need a video. You've got to appeal to people's sympathetic side, and Comcast reaches 20 communities."

Victim - He loved sports

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bowling alley at 37452 Huron River Dr., just shortly before the 3 a.m. accident.

"They said he was playing darts and that he wasn't drunk," Blackburn said. "Both of them were thrown from the vehicle, so it's hard to determine who was driving. But I don't know why Ray would be driving his friend's van. I'll be anxious to see the result of the autopsy to see what his blood alcohol level was."

Ryan Evans, who owned the van and is recovering from injuries at University of

Michigan Medical Center, was one his son's best friends, according to Blackburn.

"Ryan's parents and friends have been coming by, too. He was just like my son," Blackburn said.

"I've almost hit a train at that same crossing several times," he said. "I don't understand why they can't put gates up at all the crossings."

Blackburn said he and his family have no hard feelings toward the Evans family members, who share in their grief.

"It was an honor to be his father," Blackburn said.

Romulus to sell 59 acres for development

Romulus City Council members have approved the sale of 59 acres of city-owned property to Centex Homes, clearing the way for a new housing development on Pennsylvania Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.

The development will include single-family dwellings and condominiums. Centrex has agreed to reduce the density of the homes and increase the open space of the development, according to Dale Bauman, director of acquisitions for Centex.

The planning commission has scheduled a public hearing at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 on this revised planned development area being

proposed, said City Planner Cynthia Lyon.

The sale falls under phase two of an existing agreement with Highland Development of Farmington Hills. Centex will acquire all property from Highland Development included in phase one of the project.

Centex Homes, headquartered in Dallas, Tex., with a regional office in Farmington Hills, is the second-largest residential builder in the nation, with projects under way in 14 communities in southeast Michigan.

The property off Pennsylvania Road was once part of a larger residential proposed develop-

ment by Highland Development.

Highland purchased the phase one property from the city in 1999, with the phase two purchase to occur after certain conditions were met.

Highland decided to sell the interest in phase one to Centex and assign the interest in phase two to Centex. The sale of both phases will occur simultaneously, according to Timothy Keys, economic development director.

Centex will pay about \$440,000 for the property, according to the agreement. In addition, the firm will contribute \$350,000 to the city as consideration for permitting the assignment of the existing agreement.

Students - Valentines sent to troops overseas

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effort.

It all began when Hurst learned about the project while driving to work one morning last year.

"I heard on the radio about an Adoptaplatoon Web site," Hurst said. "As soon as I got to school, I got online and thought this would be a meaningful project for our students. The whole thing has snowballed." The Web site is www.adoptaplatoon.org.

The soldiers have said that correspondence sent from citizens back home is a real morale booster, according to Hurst.

Students at Romulus High School, through the school mentoring program, sent about 500 holiday cards to soldiers in Kuwait and Afghanistan. To date, the students have received about 100 responses.

"Your card was very uplifting. Thank you. I could use a pen pal. Thanks, again," wrote one soldier who signed his thanks only as Greg.

"Your support means a lot to me and all the other soldiers," said another serviceman, Derek.

Hurst had T-shirts donated by a local company after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, that

read "Proud to be an American." Over the holidays last year, she forwarded the shirts to a platoon in Kuwait that had 25 soldiers.

"I received a letter from the sergeant with a picture of some of the men and women from that platoon wearing the T-shirts," Hurst said.

"Student responses about the postcards that have been returned have been incredible," Hurst said. Comments ranged from "There are no trees where they are stationed in Kuwait," to "I never expected a response" and "I feel so special." Many teachers also received responses from soldiers.

"The project has been a huge success. High school students really are creative and as I read their sentiments, I often had tears in my eyes," Hurst said.

One student, sophomore Jessica Demmy, 15, received a letter from a soldier.

Demmy said she was surprised when she received the two-page, handwritten letter from U.S. Army Pvt. David R. Balicki, who lives near St. Louis, Mo.

"I was sick for a few days, and when I returned, they said I had mail at school," Demmy said.

Demmy read the letter aloud

to classmates in teacher Wendy Pachota's mentoring class. "You could hear a pin drop when she read the letter," Hurst said.

Balicki told Demmy he was a forward observer for the U.S. Army. "When you hear on the news about the cruise missiles that are laser-guided taking out an enemy position, I'm one of the ones who holds the lasers," Balicki said.

"He said nothing serious had happened yet and he hoped that day never came," Demmy said.

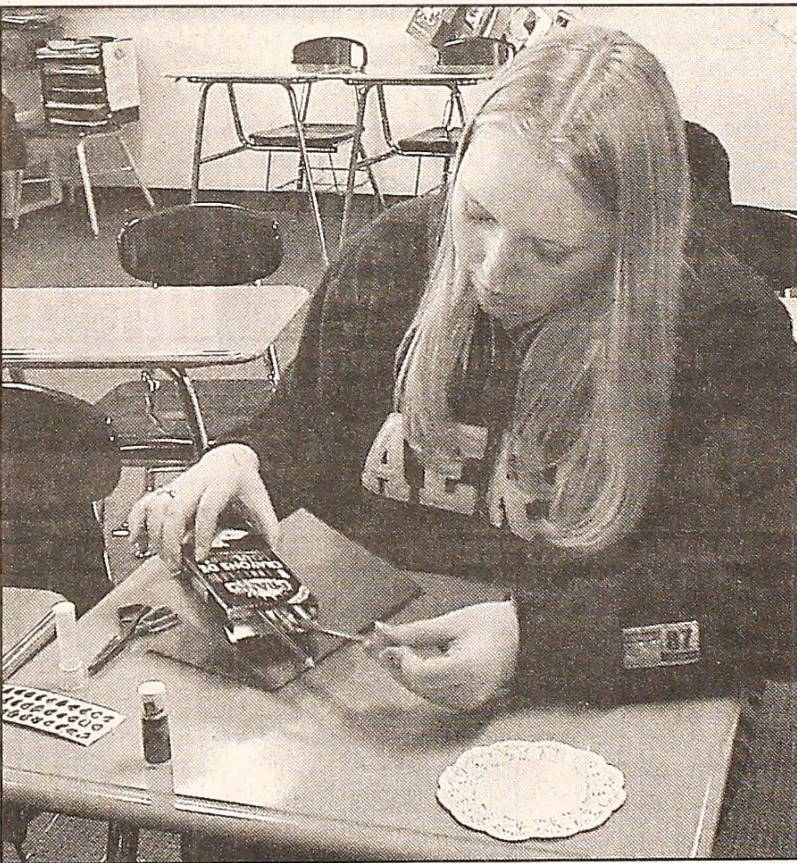
Hurst said that the Adoptaplatoon Project coordinators e-mailed her and asked if the students would be interested in continuing their involvement by sending valentines.

The students mailed their valentines and cherry suckers to soldiers on hardship missions.

Soldiers are considered on a hardship mission if they are on two-year mission away from family; they are living in primitive conditions, such as no flushing toilets or running water; or they are assigned to heavy combat.

Parents have to give written permission for students to continue corresponding with a soldier.

Pachota said this has been one of the more successful pro-



Patricia Sucharski works on a valentine to be sent to U.S. troops overseas.

jects in the teacher mentoring program.

"Sometimes it's hard to get the students motivated in our mentoring program because they're not graded and don't receive credit, but they were really into this project, especially after Jessica read her letter," she said. "It brought meaning to writing those cards."

Hurst said receiving responses from some of the soldiers overseas has helped students understand more about the conflict with Iraq.

"A lot of high school students don't watch the news on TV or read the newspaper, so I was wondering how I could make a connection with what's going on overseas," Hurst said.

Belleville school awarded \$10,000 prize

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Pride lights up the face of principal Dominic Maniaci when he gazes up at the banner that greets visitors of Savage Elementary School in Belleville.

The banner reads, "Congratulations Savage Elementary, 2002 Golden Apple Winner."

Former Gov. John Engler honored the school in December with the state Golden Apple award. The award is given to schools that show the highest scores or most dramatic improvement on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test. Savage Elementary was one of 125 schools recognized in the "most improved" category. Four schools placed as "high achieving." In all, 127 schools across the state received golden apples, with two schools placing in both categories.

"It was a total effort of the staff and community. My part in this is very minimal," Maniaci said.

Savage is the first school from the Van Buren School District to win the award, according to Maniaci. To win, a school must have 50 or more students of whom at least 90 percent take the MEAP test. Each school must also have composite MEAP scores for fourth- and fifth-grade students increase by at least 60 points over the past three academic years, or hold scores that

are among the highest in the state for the academic year.

Maniaci said that when he began the job as principal three years ago, he sat down with his school improvement team and set goals to bring out the maximum potential of each student. The teaching staff made sure to cover all objectives on the MEAP and to emphasize to parents and students the importance of taking the test.

"The goal is not to win an award, but increase the students' level of achievement," Maniaci said.

Winning schools receive a \$10,000 award as well as a glistening golden apple statuette, which currently sits on Maniaci's office bookshelf.

Maniaci said the staff will meet and vote on how to use the cash award. The money will be used for the benefit of students, either directly or indirectly. In years past, he said the state awarded \$50,000 to each school until budget cutbacks reduced the prize to \$10,000.

"I'm very happy for \$10,000, but I would've been ecstatic about \$50,000," Maniaci said.

The school is gearing up for the MEAP test this year, which will span a three-week period beginning this week. This is the first year fourth-grade students will be tested in language arts, Maniaci said. The fourth-graders will also be tested in mathematics, while fifth-graders will be tested

in science and social studies, he said.

Maniaci said his staff has a sense of pride about winning the award.

"We're elated. We just feel like we want to move forward and grow from there," he said. "It's a stepping stone for further achievement."

Dominic Maniaci, principal of Savage Elementary School in Belleville, holds up the state Golden Apple Award. The school is the first in the Van Buren Public School District to win the award from the state.



ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Romulus Housing Commission.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February, 25, 2003, the City of Romulus will authorize the Romulus Housing Commission to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of FY 2000 Capital Fund Program (CFP) funds under Title I of the Public Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake a project known CFP 2000 for the purpose of performing minor rehabilitation, general property improvements. In addition, the funding can be used for consulting and other service fees.

The following activities are proposed under this program: Staff & Commissioner training (3,000); Security /Program(40,000); Auditing fees (1,800); A&E fees and related costs(17,120) ; Sidewalk & Driveway repairs (18,278); Kitchen & Hall fluorescent lighting (4,000) ; Basement stair enclosures (13,500); Bathtub drain gasket replacement(16,000) ; Exterior door Locks ((24,700 ; Five-year painting cycle (28,000) ; Carbon Monoxide detectors (12,900) ; Ranges & Refrigerators (6,000); Office building windows (3,000) ; Relocation costs (4,000) ; Contingency (4,000) ; The total CFP Grant being requested is \$196,298.00 The aforementioned activities will occur at the 101 public housing units operated by the Romulus Housing Commission.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Romulus has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) can be examined at the Romulus Housing Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to be examined or copied.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Romulus 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. All comments received by Feb.14, 2003 will be considered by the City of Romulus prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Romulus certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Mayor Alan Lambert in his capacity as mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Department of Housing and Urban Development acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities and under NEPA and allow the Romulus Housing Commission to use the Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Romulus certifications for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer of the City of Romulus; (b) the City of Romulus has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; or (d) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures. (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Grant Administration Office, Office of Public Housing, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

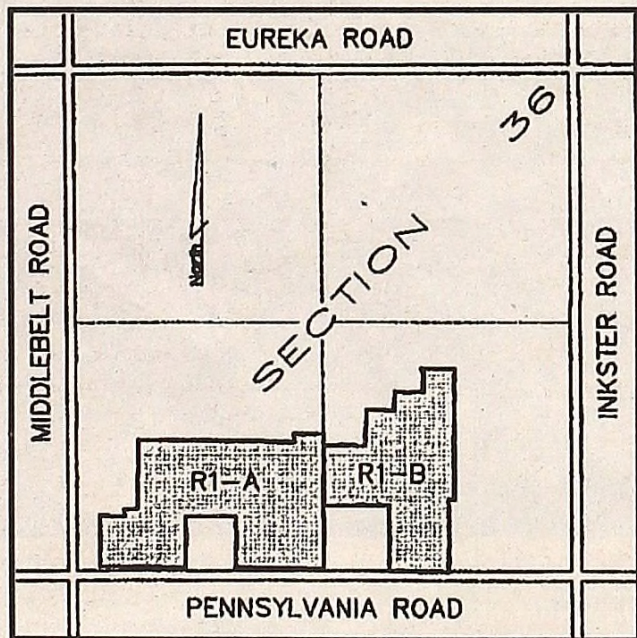
Alan Lambert, Mayor
City of Romulus

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE HIGHLANDS OF ROMULUS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2003, for the purpose of considering a proposal to revise the previously approved Highlands of Romulus Planned Development Area. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The subject site consists of approximately 97.96 acres located on the north side of Pennsylvania between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads. The proposal includes a mixture of detached single-family residential housing and attached single-family residential housing. The proposal also includes the elimination of the approved neighborhood commercial and daycare facility. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 19, 2003, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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OPINION

The price of prosperity and the lessons ahead

When consultants from Plante & Moran took members of the Westland City Council through a presentation Monday night of the annual city audit, they didn't exactly tell the council anything they didn't know.

After all, the audit was for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 and the presentation centered on a management letter dated in late October.

It did, however, bring into focus the financial situation the city administration has been faced with and explain in specific detail the challenges ahead of them as they grapple with the budget for the coming year.

The news wasn't all bad for the city, though. Auditors pointed out that the sound fiscal planning the administration has followed during the past two years has paid off. In fact, it has held off the dire budget consequences that other communities are now facing. Even after absorbing a \$2 million hit to their total general fund balance, Westland should have about \$4.8 million left in city coffers.

That sounds like a big figure, but for a city the size of Westland, it really isn't, because it doesn't mean that the city has an extra \$4 million sitting around waiting to be spent. The undesignated reserve, which is money that the city can spend on emergency repairs and non-budgeted items, is about \$247,000.

It's clear that city officials have plenty of hard work and tough decisions ahead of them. Mayor Sandra Cicirelli is looking to cut more than \$3 million from a budget that was already strapped to begin with. With the possibility of more cuts to state shared revenues looming like a dark cloud, even that may not be enough to keep the city in black ink.

City Finance Director Tim McCurley appeared relatively calm when he said that this was the toughest year for municipal finances that he's ever seen. Maybe it's because, as a professional, he enjoys challenges and this represents a huge one.

He and Cicirelli said they will do everything in their power to ensure that the proposed cuts don't impact Westland residents.

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A slippery issue

Black ice is nothing to take lightly.

The issue of placing a guardrail along High Street in Belleville is understandably important to residents. To sit in at last the city council meeting last week, it seems it is a very unpopular idea. Residents are worried about ruining the aesthetic view of the waterfront. Others argue that rarely has a vehicle ever gone off the road and into the lake. Still others argue that the speed limit makes it unlikely anyone would end up in the water. But when Mayor pro tem Kay Atkins mentioned the possibility of black ice causing vehicles to veer off the road, I had a flashback of my own experience with black ice last winter.

Back in February when a nasty ice storm struck the metro area, I left Ypsilanti to go to a conference in Grand Rapids with a group of colleagues from my college newspaper. I was riding in an SUV at night, following two other cars full of acquaintances. We were traveling at a good clip on the freeway when suddenly the driver lost control. We spiraled and slid into the median that was covered with at least 2 feet of snow. I believe that is what saved my life. If the sloped median had not been full of snow, I believe the SUV would've flipped and I wouldn't be here typing this today. But our ordeal wasn't over.

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Isn't it ironic?

by Heather Connor



Wile E. Coyote goes to war

A war with Iraq is imminent. All signs point that way. I do not like it.

It is easy to jump on the bandwagon lumbering toward Baghdad. Saddam Hussein is a thug. Americans hate thugs. Most Americans, if robbed by some anonymous goon, want the guy put away for life. How much more do we want to eliminate the people responsible for an attack inside our shores that killed nearly 3,000 innocent people and radically altered every American's way of life?

Aside from the act of punishing those responsible for financing, planning, and implementing the 9/11 attack, Americans want to preempt future terrorist

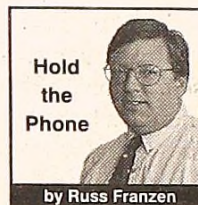
episodes. Rightly so. President George W. Bush advocates the destruction of the world's terrorist infrastructure, drying up its financial pipeline and the capture or death of terrorist leaders. It is a laudable goal. A homeowner who has a wasp problem, after all, solves the problem by eliminating the nest. The same principle applies here.

Like most Americans, I am with the president to that point. I happen to believe, though, that his approach to the Iraq/Terrorism problem is like the aforementioned homeowner hiring Wile E. Coyote to get rid of the wasps. In the end, the wasps may be gone, but so will the rest of the house.

Saddam Hussein rules Iraq by force and by instilling in Iraqi citizens the fear that he will use that force against them. If Iraqis wish to live, they do his bidding. That means manufacturing poisons and arming warheads and building missiles to carry them. In a dictatorship, however, only one person can order such weapons into use. In Iraq, that person is Saddam Hussein.

Why, then, is George "Wile E." Bush intent on sending history's most powerful military force into a sovereign country to get one

See **War**, page 6



Hold the Phone

by Russ Franzen

...stuck in the middle with you

Well, it figures.

Days before my scheduled move into the City of Wayne I found myself at a Wayne City Council meeting that was packed with my soon-to-be neighbors.

The discussion? Proposed budget cuts the city is facing, potential layoffs and slashes to the parks and recreation budget.

I'd been through similar discussions before in other communities. Everyone wants a little piece of the pie and there's not always enough whipped topping to go around. City and township officials weathered the indignant fury and disappointment of the people they represent as they tried to determine and rationalize spending money in one neighborhood and leaving another alone or fixing up the pavement on one city block while leaving another full of potholes.

This time seemed different though. Part of that difference was City Manager John Zech, who patiently took me – and the rest of the crowded room – through the sequence of events that made the cuts necessary. It's the result of a downturn of the

economy, he said, and not the fault of city leaders. Revenue has gone down while costs tend to increase. I've been through my share of budget sessions before, but usually with a sense of trepidation because I'm not really a numbers guy and it doesn't take more than a misplaced decimal point to make a whole world of difference.

This time I felt more of the passion that caused the residents to fill the room and spill out into the hallway. Zech and the city council members were talking about line items and numbers, but I saw them as Tracy Spada, arts and entertainment supervisor, who I'd met when I visited the cast of *Bye Bye Birdie* on a set painting day. Or Jenny Johnson, a public relations person who has been such a big help as I've tackled the new beat. Those were just two of the names from a much longer list.

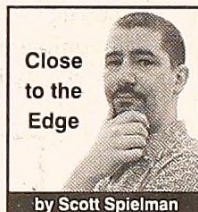
Like others in the room that night, I picked Wayne because I was so impressed with the parks and recreation facilities. Sure, cost had something to do with it, too – I think Millennium Park is

pretty nice and I love the Northville School District, but for some reason I didn't do much house hunting up there – but for the most part it was the city itself that drew me.

It's hard hearing about these types of budget cuts.

It's difficult reporting on them, too. And, like everybody else in the city, I hope they only prove temporary. Even so, I know that I'm moving into a one-of-a-kind community. My future house on Richard Street is a block away from the community center in a neighborhood surrounded by parks; tree-lined streets sprinkled with more green than a tabouli salad.

Times may be difficult now, but I can tell I'm in the right place. I saw concrete evidence of that last Tuesday, when dozens of residents showed up to remind city officials of what makes Wayne such a special place. That's the best we can do, and city officials should embrace the pride we all have, and share it.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

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Ice - Council discussion prompts painful memories

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The SUV was stuck, and our friends had circled back to find us and had parked on the side of the freeway. After getting out and calling a tow truck, we were standing on the side of the road waiting. We witnessed one vehicle after another come flying off the road at more than 60 mph. We soon realized we were sitting ducks. As we were debating getting back in our cars, I was suddenly pushed out of the way. A car came flying off the road and hit one of our vehicles - with two

of our friends inside.

Luckily, they came out of it unhurt. We got into our remaining vehicle and got out of there as fast as we could. It's my most terrifying experience on the road to date. I never want to relive it.

I couldn't see the ice. Out of sight and out of mind, as they say. That's what Belleville residents may be forgetting. Feeling the ice under my feet while standing on the pavement, I realized it was the only way one could realize it was there. It looked like the rest of the road. I don't think speed limits would have made any dif-

ference to drivers encountering it that night. I was lucky to have a barrier there to break our speed, be it made by nature. I could only imagine the added horror if nothing had been there. Descending into a lake or flipping a vehicle could probably result in the same consequences.

As drivers, we know we cannot always control what happens to us. Nature may dish out the unexpected. Other drivers may not always make the wisest decisions, especially if they're young. Drivers along the lake need all of the help they can get.

War - Country may be customer of 'Acme Novelty Co.'

FROM PAGE 5

guy while killing thousands in the process? It is the potential slaughter of thousands of innocent people that fills me with sadness. Surely, there must be a better solution. There is, of course - Get rid of Saddam.

One theory floating about these days is that our military buildup on his borders will force Saddam to flee, taking billions of dollars with him to a new home alongside of Idi Amin or Baby Doc Duvalier. That is fine with me. That means that he will no longer be in control of a government and lives will be spared. As long as he does not funnel his money to terrorists, he would be free to live until the ultimate Judge decides he has lived long enough.

The other solution I see, if Saddam stubbornly holds onto power, is to find him and get rid of him. Note, please, that I first said "find him." Americans, at least those of us living in urban areas, can hardly walk down the block without having our mugs recorded by a surveillance camera. Our government has powerful spy satellites that can easily watch over us.

So, I wonder, if our government has the ability to watch every move that law-abiding Americans take, why do they not turn those satellites onto Iraq and keep an eye on Saddam long enough to drop a bomb on him?

The real solution to keeping terrorists out of this country is to secure our borders. People who are in the country illegally should be rounded up and imme-

diately deported. They are not citizens. They are trespassers. If they wish to return to the United States in the future, they can be granted a hearing at that time. Citizenship requirements should be tightened up again.

My liberal friends will cringe, as they always do when his name comes up, but Ronald Reagan was correct. Peace comes through strength. Bullies rarely bother people who are physically strong. So it is with nations. We should keep a strong military to deter potential invaders. We should not be afraid to use force, in conjunction with other freedom-loving nations, when dictators try to enslave those living beyond their borders.

Most important, we should not use our might to end innocent lives while we search for a wasp.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parent supports school millage

To the editor;

I am the mother of two students in the Wayne-Westland school district. Our family chose to move into the Wayne-Westland area for the excellent education program offered. There was a downside; the condition of the buildings.

Well, that was changed by the bond passed in 1998.

We, the Wayne-Westland residents, now have buildings to be proud of. Let's keep them this way by setting up a sinking fund. The school millage rate is going to go down this year. By passing this fund for 1 mill, we will not be

raising the rate any higher than we had it for the bond.

The sinking fund will be used to maintain our buildings, without having to use monies needed to help us keep up our educational programs. The MEAP scores at many of our schools are up, which will draw the attention of parents looking for a place to call home. Let's keep up our buildings so they can see the pride we take in our kids by offering them the best we can.

On Feb. 18, 2003, join me and show support for our schools, our kids.

April Shepler,
Wayne

Budget - A difficult learning experience

FROM PAGE 5

Officials in the City of Wayne have said the same thing, and are beginning to realize how difficult a task that will be. A budget session and goal-plotting session Tuesday night lasted late into the evening as city employees sat by, wondering if they would keep their jobs, and residents voiced concerns about cuts in programs that drew them to the city in the first place.

Financial prognosticators have theorized that this may be the toughest year for municipalities to prepare budgets. They've assured us, as they have in the past, that the state is in the tail end of an economic downturn. Hopefully that will prove the

case and believe it or not, there is something that each and every consumer can do to help alleviate the situation. Since revenue sharing depends on the sales tax, the healthier the economy, the more willing consumers are to purchase goods, which results in more sales tax that ultimately return to our cities and townships.

City officials can learn a valuable lesson here, too, as they deal with the difficult decision of which programs, if any, they should cut and which employees, if any, they should lay off. As the economy grows, government tends to grow. Maybe these difficult decisions now will force them to make better spending choices in the future.

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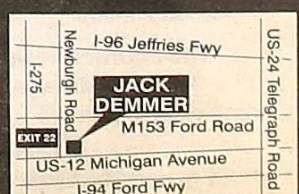
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OBITUARIES

DOONAN, William
William Doonan, 76, of Lupton, died at home Jan. 23.
Mr. Doonan moved to Lupton in 1977 from Belleville. He was a member of the American Model Association and the Federal Aviation Administration. Mr. Doonan was a graduate of the Greenfield Village Scotch Settlement School House. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Among his survivors are his wife, Betty Doonan of Lupton; his children, Deborah Fournier and Lynda Hughey-Doonan, both of West Branch, Bill Doonan of Rose City, Marla Forman of Belleville and Donna Phillips of Greensboro, N.C.; 16 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were at the Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home in Rose City. Memorial contributions to Hospice of Helping Hands, 335 E. Houghton Ave., West Branch, Mich, 48661, have been suggested by the family.

NEWMAN, Forrest R.
Forrest R. Newman, 76, of Romulus died Jan. 24.

Among his survivors are his daughters, Ericka L. Killingbeck of Westland, Gerda M. Matthews of Germany; brothers, Gene Newman of Dearborn Heights, Jerry Newman and Howard Newman, both of Maryland; sisters, Althea Melo of Redford and Florence Gammage of Dearborn Heights, and grandsons Douglas L. Gilbert and Daniel R. Killingbeck, both of Westland.
Mr. Newman was preceded in death by his wife, Donna L. (Seidner) Newman on Jan. 10, 2003. He was a graduate of Northwest High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Buttry of First Baptist Church in Dearborn officiating.
Interment was in Romulus Cemetery.

BLACKBURN, Raymond James
Raymond James Blackburn, 25, of Romulus, died Jan. 24.
Among his survivors are his parents,

Raymond Jr. and Charmaine S. (Armstrong) Blackburn of Romulus and a brother, Jeremiah J. Blackburn, also of Romulus.
Services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Adams of Romulus Wesleyan Church officiating.
Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

FALATINE, Sophie Jennie
Sophie Jennie Falatine, 91, of Romulus died Jan. 25.

Among her survivors are her son, Alfred (Vivian) Falatine of Belleville; daughter, Evelyn Alatalo of Dearborn Heights; grandchildren, Michael Falatine, Georgia Yost and April Dalrymple, and great-grandchildren, Alexander, Cherokee, Cheyenne and Alexyia.
Services were at St. Stephens Catholic Church with Father Alexander Wytrowski of St. Stephens Catholic Church officiating.
Interment was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown Township.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

KMET, Lazarus (Whitey)
Lazarus "Whitey" Kmet, 83, of Wayne, died Jan. 9.
Among his survivors are his wife of 63 years, Catherine; his children Charles (Arlene) Kmet, Rosemary (Charles) Moore, Lazarus (Joann) Kmet, Gary (Jan) Kmet, Anthony (Carol) Kmet, Edna (Victor) Moore, Robert (Toni) Kmet, Kathleen (Larry) Retz, Frank Kmet, Terri (Keith) Day, Eva (Clark) Johnson, John (Dawn) Kmet, Marvin (Terri) Kmet; a sister, Irene Edgar; 30 grandchildren, and 31 great-grandchildren.
Services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with the Rev. Larry Betz officiating.

WISE, Margariette H.
Margariette H. Wise, 103, of Westland, died Jan. 21.
Among her survivors are her children, Richard (Betty) Wise, Mary (John)

McCamey, Betty (Chuck) Honeyman, Donna Franklin, Katherine (Jim) Watt; 27 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.
Funeral Mass was at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

SPEARS, James Andy
James Andy Spears, 65, of Inkster died Dec. 12.
Among his survivors are his children, Ronald, Shannon, Tracy and Eric; his mother, Robbie, and a granddaughter, Alexandra.
Services were at Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Phillip Willis officiating.
Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

RASHEED, Yahya
Yahya A. Rasheed (John E. Jones), 62, of Detroit, died Dec. 12.
Mr. Rasheed was the owner of Yahya's Restaurant in Detroit.
Among his survivors are his children, Anthony and Shavon; seven grandchildren, and five sisters.
Services were at Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Ronald Springer officiating.
Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery in Wayne.

THOMAS, Ella
Ella Thomas, 72, of Inkster, died Dec. 20.
Among her survivors are her siblings, Iona, Danile, Laura, Sophia, Nettie, Oliver and Lydian.
Services were at Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Eric Stenson officiating.

SCOTT, Ruth, M.
Ruth M. Scott, 70, of Detroit, died Dec. 22.
Among her survivors are her husband, Moses; her mother, Ruby; children, Jeffrey,

Brad and Diane; 10 grandchildren, and two stepmothers.
Services were at the Word of Truth Baptist Church with the Rev. Robbins officiating.
Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park West.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

MINGO, Charles
Charles Mingo Sr., 77, of Inkster died Dec. 25.
Among his survivors are his wife of 59 years, Rosie; children, Charles Jr., Rosemary and Gwendolyn; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.
Services were at Smith Chapel AME Church with the Rev. Thomas Higginbotham officiating.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

WILLIAMS, Holsie
Holsie Williams Jr., 86, died Dec. 29.
Among his survivors are his wife, Evelyn; daughter, Leslie, and a grandson, Cecil.
Services were at the Smith Chapel AME Church with the Rev. Thomas Higginbotham officiating.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

AUSTIN, Siva Y.
Siva Y. Austin, 23, of Inkster, died Dec. 30.
Among her survivors area her parents, Nathan and Ledo Fisher of Westland, her children, Alexia, Armonite and Dior; her grandparents, and great aunts.
Services ere at Nehemiah Word of Faith Church with Pastor Felton Harris officiating.
Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.
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Copies thereof may be obtained on or after 2:00 pin, local time, January 21, 2003, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McClimment, Inc., 34935 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. A fee of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) non-refundable will be charged for each set of Contract Documents. An additional fee of Five dollars (\$5.00) non-refundable will be charged for each set of Contract Documents which are mailed.

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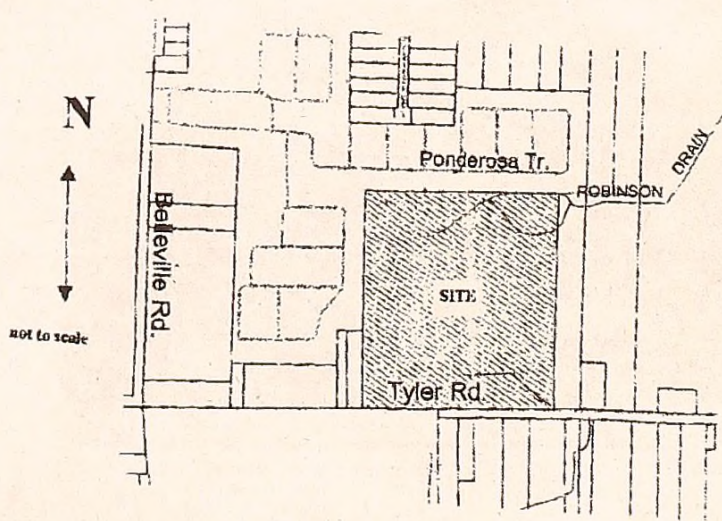
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A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel number V125-83-039-99-0013-000 from R-1B (Single Family Residential) to RM (Multiple Family) located on the north side of Tyler Road, west of Morton Taylor, east of Belleville Road.



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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More about aging

In this column last week we looked at the inevitability of growing older. Each one of us is experiencing it — one day at a time.

I would like to share a couple of encouragements with you that may help in the process.

1) It is possible for life's greatest achievements to occur in old age. Last week we took a look at Moses. He was 80 when God called him into action. I could be said that the first 79 years of his life were merely preparation for his "real" career, that of being the deliverer. The Bible tells us that "THIS is the day the Lord has made" and, accordingly, we are to be glad and rejoice in it.

2) There is no retirement from the Christian life. Certainly there may be some limitations on our energy levels, but I don't see retirement (30 and out) as a concept that is presented in God's Word.

Age is not our problem. Growing older is not our problem. The traditional attitude of our society seems to be the problem. Please don't get caught up in it!

Obviously, I can't do some of the things I did at age 19. I used to have a fair arm from the outfield — now, it kind of comes in like a pop-up. But because we cannot alter the inevitable, we adjust to it and we do that not a year or a season at a time, but a day at a time. In other words, growing older is not a choice but our response to it. In so many ways we, ourselves, determine how we will grow older.

The late Gen. Douglas MacArthur said, "In the central place of every heart there is a recording chamber. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage — so long you are young. But when the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then and

only then have you grown old."

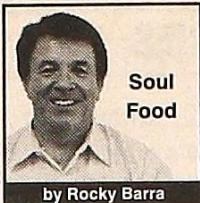
Taking this into consideration, let's consider a couple of alternate responses to aging:

1) View life as a challenge, not a threat. We've all been around long enough to know that nobody can predict our tomorrows — so, obviously, the answer for us is to refuse all temptations to hibernate, to worry, to dry up and fold up. Grab each day (and remember, the secret is taking each day as a separate gift) and accept each hour as a challenge. In other words, redeem the time, use it profitably. That's Biblical and practical wisdom. This encouragement is not just for senior citizens. I heard, last spring, a high school senior talking about her graduation as if it was the end of all existence. Every year can be traumatic — 18; 21; 30; 40; 50; 65; 80 — or every day can be an adventure. Age is only skin-deep — but complacency is to the bone!

2) The second response to growing older is to follow the Lord fully — not halfheartedly.

There's a guy named Caleb in the Old Testament who really lived life to the fullest. At a very advanced age, he was rip-roaring ready to go against the enemy and take a mountain as his inheritance. "Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb until this day because he followed the Lord God of Israel fully." In other words, Caleb was determined that the Lord would be his lifelong partner.

I want to encourage you to make that same commitment, starting today. You'll be amazed at the different outlook you'll begin to have on life once you determine to live it day-by-day with the Lord.

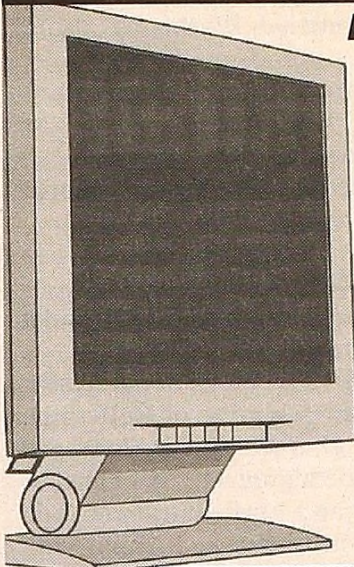


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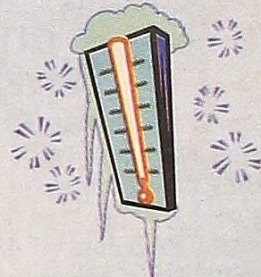
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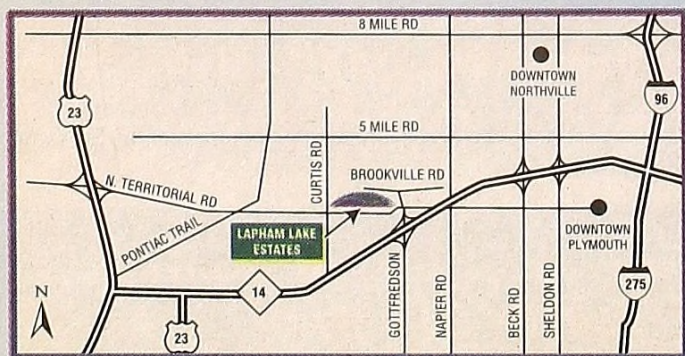


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John Glenn edges Salem in basketball thriller

Scott Spielman
Editor

When the Salem Rocks and the John Glenn Rockets met Friday night on the basketball court, it was every bit the exciting game expected of the two top clubs.

Each team outplayed the other during one half of the game but the Rockets were slightly better and they edged out the Rocks, 57-61.

"It was close the whole way," said John Glenn Coach Joel Lloyd. "It was just like I expected."

Salem played a shaky first two quarters, according to Coach Bob Brodie. John Glenn outscored them 17-11 in the first and 11-9 in the second to take a 28-20 lead at halftime.

Salem didn't help themselves too much, Brodie said. They had 13 turnovers in the first half, alone.

"We didn't take very good control of the ball," he said. "At times we looked intimidated out there."

It looked like their miscues would continue after the first half, too. They turned the ball over on their first two posses-

sions before they regrouped and started to attack the John Glenn lead.

"We got off to a good start," Lloyd said. "Just when we thought there was a possibility of opening it up, they'd hit a clutch shot and keep it close."

The Rocks nibbled away at the lead in the third, outscoring Glenn 16-14. They got even closer in the fourth, and had the score within two points late in the game, Brodie said.

They stole the ball from Glenn but were called for a foul and the Rockets sank both baskets and that's the way it finished.

Brodie said the Rocks faltered in their perimeter shooting. They tried 24 three-pointers and only made seven of them.

Dave Hoskins led the Rocks, despite playing on a bad ankle. He had 32 points on the night and he's averaging 28 points a game.

"He's awfully tough to defend, even when he's playing on one leg," Lloyd said.

The Rockets were 12 of 14 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter, he said. Jarret Smith led them with 22 points on the night. Darnell Wilson had 10 points and Darnell Smith had nine. John Adams and Jacques

Burrell each put up eight points in the win.

The Rockets are 9-2 overall and 5-1 in the league. Salem is 9-3 overall and 4-2 in the league.

The victory gives John Glenn a temporary advantage in the league, but Lloyd said it's still relatively early in the season.

"There's so much basketball left to be played that at this point it's really insignificant," he said. "It's a nice win, but we've got a long way to go." The two teams meet up again at the end of February.

This week the Rockets hosted Canton on Tuesday and welcome Livonia Stevenson tomorrow. The Spartans gave the Rockets their only league loss when they snatched a one-point victory from them in early January. Lloyd said Monday that he wasn't looking too far ahead, though, not with a contest with a scrappy Canton team between the Rockets and the Spartans.

"We don't want to look past anyone," he said.

Salem 62, Livonia Churchill 50

The Rocks led wire to wire last Tuesday, but were never able to get very comfortable, according to Brodie. They outscored the



The John Glenn Rockets earned a four-point victory over visiting Salem Friday night. The two teams are scheduled for a rematch on Feb. 21.

Chargers 17-11 in the first, 16-9 in the second and 15-12 in the fourth quarter. Churchill had a 18-14 advantage in the third. Churchill closed it to six points with about two minutes to go before the Rocks pulled away.

"We played solid, but we couldn't shake them," Brodie

said. Dominique Washington put up 20 points in the win. Brad Clark knocked down 12.

The Rocks hosted Northville Tuesday night, but the outcome of that game wasn't known at press time.

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Inkster stays on top with 2 more wins

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Inkster Vikings men's basketball team knocked down two more solid wins last week to stay undefeated on the year.

They started their week at the unfriendly confines of Dearborn Fordson High School, according to Inkster Coach Steve Brooks. They topped the Tractors 69-46.

"It started out really physical," Brooks said. "There was a lot of banging and stuff until we decided not to wrestle with them and let our speed do the trick."

The game was close through the first

half, he said. Inkster took a slight lead, 19-18 after the first quarter and increased it to 38-28 at halftime. By the end of the third quarter they had a 58-35 advantage, and they were firmly in control of the game, Brooks said.

Victor Morris put up 26 points in the win and Duane Jones had 24.

The Vikings held off a scrappy Taylor Truman team Friday night despite a lackluster second quarter, Brooks said.

Inkster took a huge lead in the first quarter, scoring 20 points and allowing only six.

They only put up four points in the sec-

ond, though, while Taylor put 17 on the board. Brooks said he saw his 14-point lead shrivel to a single point by halftime.

"We just got careless with the ball," he said. "We jumped out to a big lead and then we just got satisfied."

Truman stayed right with the Vikings in the third quarter and eliminated their slim lead. The score was tied at 38 going into the final quarter, Brooks said.

The Vikings pulled ahead again and tried to sit on a six-point lead with about a minute and a half to go. They were called for a couple of touchy fouls, though, and Taylor converted from the line. They were

down by four as time was running out, but scored a bucket at the buzzer to fall just short, 54-52.

"They've got an excellent program," Brooks said. "They're usually never out of a game."

The Vikings are 11-0 on the year and 8-0 in the conference, according to Brooks. They travel to Highland Park tomorrow to take on the Polar Bears, who only have a single league loss.

Brooks said he expects a tough challenge from the strong squad.

"That's a rivalry from way back," he said.

Romulus splits 2 games

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Romulus Eagles split their games again last week, according to Coach Nate Oates. For the second consecutive week they won one of the two games they played, he said.

This week their victory came on Friday, when they hosted Willow Run.

The Eagles survived a shaky first quarter to rise to a 76-69 victory.

"We actually didn't play all that well," Oates said.

The Eagles found themselves on the wrong end of a 17-12 first quarter, Oates said. They erased that deficit in the second, though, with a 22-point effort. Willow Run put 13 more points on the board and the Eagles led, 34-30 at the half.

Willow Run came charging back in the third quarter with a 21-point effort. Romulus put up 12 points but found themselves trailing, 51-46 going into the fourth quarter.

Willow Run maintained their lead until the final six minutes, according to Oates. The Eagles started on a run, then, sparked by the solid defense of Anré Partee. He had three straight steals that the Eagle converted to get right

back into the thick of things.

The offense took over then, and sealed it for the Eagles. They put up 30 points in the final frame and allowed only 18 to snatch the victory away from Willow Run, who only has a single victory on the year. Oates said that the record is deceptive, though. They have been in a lot of close contests.

Ron Coleman led the Eagles with 9 points and 10 rebounds on the night. Ron Buckley put up 18 points and brought back six boards. Partee ended up with three steals, but they were crucial to the victory, according to Oates.

It was a good win after their disappointing loss last Tuesday to Monroe, 49-41.

"That was a game we really should have won," he said. Coleman led the Eagles with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Darrin Massey had eight points.

The Eagles are 8-3 overall. They dropped their first game, then knocked off seven straight before dropping two in a row.

"The last two games we haven't played very well," he said.

"We'll have to pick it up. You can't rely on stuff to happen at the end of the game if you don't play very well through most of it."



Old timers

The action was fast and furious Sunday afternoon when the Detroit Red Wing Alumni battled the over 40 team from Law Auto Sales to a 4-4 standstill. The Law team tied the game with 40 seconds left on the clock. The game, part of the annual Winterfest in Wayne, raised more than \$3,500 for charity.

Eagle wrestlers improve at tourney

The Romulus Eagles wrestling team rebounded from a loss last Thursday to Dearborn Fordson with a strong showing at the Avondale Invitational on Saturday.

The Eagles finished in sixth place among the 13 teams at the meet, just missing out on the top five.

The Eagles had two first place

finishers, a second place finisher and a fourth place finisher in the tournament, he said.

Tim Griggs (112) and Matt Martzfield (130) took first place in their division.

Chris Anderson (125) finished in second place and Tim Louis (119) finished fourth. Hartland won the tournament.

"Our line up is a little thin,"

Balcom said. "We have to void a couple of weight classes, but the kids we have are wrestling pretty well."

The eagles lost last Thursday to Fordson, but still had some wrestlers put in a solid outing. Louis (119), Anderson (125) Martzfield (130) and Philip Roscoe (140) all won their divisions.

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The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider whether it would be permissible to establish the proposed use of medical and congregate care for the elderly within the RM, Multiple Family, RC, Regional Center or CBD, Central Business Districts. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 19, 2003, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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Chiefs win 7 straight

Scott Spielman
Editor

Two solid wins last week left the Canton Chiefs' men's hockey squad with a seven-game winning streak.

Canton Coach Dan Abraham said the Chiefs have been hitting on all cylinders since the beginning of the calendar year.

This week they went off to a roaring start when they traveled to Taylor Truman and mercied the Cougars, 10-0, after two periods.

That set up a home game against the Churchill Chargers on Friday, which the Chiefs won, 5-3, behind a strong defensive outing from goalie Charles Kemp.

"He's playing with confidence," said Abraham. "He's making the saves the team needs to get a chance to score some goals."

The Chargers took a lead in the first period when they tallied about halfway through the period.

The Chiefs fought back, though. It was Greg Kubert who put them on the board with about four minutes to go in the first. He took a feed from Mike Stewart and Matt Gabriel and made it good.

After another Churchill goal, Gabriel found the net with about six seconds left in the period. Ryan McKendry and Dave Bak got assists on that one.

"We responded each time," Abraham said. "They were up for the majority of the first period."

The rest of the scoring took place in the second period. Canton took the lead with about 12 minutes left when Matt Oliver took a feed from Kyle Tollison and Kubert and banged it home. Churchill got one back about two minutes later, and the scored was tied again, 3-3.

Oliver scored his second on the night with about five minutes left in the period - Bak and Ryan McCabe got assists. McKendry sealed the win about a minute later. Gabriel had an assist as did Kubert, who ended up with three points on the night.

Churchill pulled their goalie with two minutes left in the game, but couldn't convert with the extra man advantage.

"We didn't have to sweat it too much," Abraham said. "We were able to maintain control."

The game was characterized by solid, clean play, according to Abraham. There were only two power play opportunities during the entire contest, and both of those were Canton's advantage. They capitalized on one of them. The Chief's weren't penalized at all.

"We were very disciplined," Abraham said. It was the same the last time these two teams met. Each only had a single penalty.

Abraham said the Chiefs are playing well, now. They've won seven straight and are 10-6 overall, and 4-3 in the league. Even so, there are always some things to try to improve, he said.

"We have a couple of guys that need to refocus their goals on this team," he said.

The Chiefs are rolling at the right time, too. Yesterday they hosted their cross-campus rivals, the Salem Rocks, at Arctic Edge Arena. The outcome of that game wasn't known at press time, but Abraham said he expected a challenge from the 13-2-1 Salem team.

"They've got so much talent over there," he said.

"We're going to have to match up our strengths. With all things considered, I like our chances."

Salem rally falls flat at Farmington

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Salem Rocks men's hockey team found themselves in an unusual position Friday night when they traveled to Eddie Edgar Arena to take on the Livonia Franklin Patriots.

Down 4-1 in the second period, they tried to rally but their efforts fell just short and the Patriots earned a 5-4 victory.

"We gave up a couple of power play goals, and we let a couple of bad ones in," said Salem Coach Fred Feiler.

Franklin drew first blood when they tallied at the 8:11 mark of the first period. Corey Clearman accounted for the goal.

Salem tied it up at the 14:41 mark. Brandon Wilcox found the net, and assists went to John Schultz and Bryan Young.

The scored was tied at one at the end of the first period, but Franklin scored three unanswered goals, including a conversion on a power play opportunity, to put the Patriots up 4-1, according to Feiler.

Salem was down, but not out. David Gill started the rally at the 10:40 mark of the second period. He took a feed from John Maurer and beat Franklin goalie Sam

Burrows.

About a minute later, the Rocks had a power play opportunity of their own and made the most of it. Schultz took a feed from Craigen Bauldry and Mark Nagel and made it good to bring the Rocks within a single goal. At the end of the period, the Rocks were within striking distance, 4-3.

Another power play opportunity ultimately spelled the end for the Rocks, though. The Patriots converted one at the 5:51 mark of the third period for the eventual winning goal.

Schultz tallied again for his third point on the night, but the Franklin defense proved too strong after that.

"We had a few chances, but we were never able to tie it," Feiler said.

The Rocks are 13-2-1 overall. Last night they faced their cross-campus rivals, the Canton Chiefs, at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, but the outcome of the game wasn't known at press time.

The Chiefs are on a seven game winning streak and Feiler said he couldn't afford to take them lightly.

"They've knocked off quite a few in a row," he said. "It'll be a big game."

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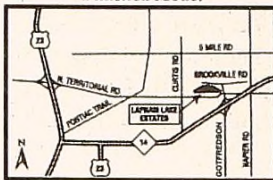
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Konst comes up big in win over Warriors

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Northville Mustangs rebounded from a tough overtime loss against Livonia Stevenson last Tuesday to top Walled Lake Western on Friday.

The Mustangs battled from behind to force the extra frame from the Spartans, but couldn't capitalize on the extra minutes, according to Coach Darrel Schumacher. It was the second consecutive overtime game for the Mustangs, and their fourth straight loss.

"It could've gone either way," he said.

In the end the Mustangs found themselves on the wrong side of a 57-47 decision.

Stevenson took an early lead with a 16-15 advantage in the first quarter. They increased that lead to 32-25 at half-time but the Mustangs started their rally in a defensive third quarter. They put up 10 points and allowed only eight. A 10-5 run in the fourth tied the game at the end of regulation.

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, though, they could only put up two points in the extra period, while Stevenson knocked off 10.

"We gave them a good challenge, just not at the end

"He looked like he was in good rhythm and he played very good defense. He really just needed to settle down, play solid defense and let the shots come to him."

Coach Darrel Schumacher

when we needed it," Schumacher said.

Scott McNeish led the Mustangs with 11 points on the night. Adam Konst put up eight and Jeff Farley contributed nine points.

"The key is we can't spot teams," Schumacher said. "We've been giving them six or seven points to start the game."

Schumacher said the Mustangs knew they had to beat Walled Lake Western when they came to Northville Friday night. And, thanks in large part to a break out performance by Konst, they did, 52-43.

Konst put up 22 points in the win, and at the same time broke out of an offensive slump.

"He looked like he was in good rhythm and he played very good defense," Schumacher said of his star. "He really just needed to settle down, play solid defense and let the shots come to him."

The score was tied at the end of the first quarter, 10-10. Northville started to edge away in the second with a 13-7 run and they took a 23-17 lead at half time. A 13-9 run in the third all but ended it for the Warriors.

Schumacher said Konst's contribution on defense – he shut down the always pervasive offensive threat of Anthony Acho – was another key to victory. McNeish contributed 16 points in the win.

"He's been doing a tremendous job all year," Schumacher said.

Northville faces a tough couple of games this week. They traveled to Salem on Tuesday, but the outcome of that game wasn't known at press time. Tomorrow they travel to Canton to take on the Chiefs.

Schumacher said the Mustangs would have to be on their best game to be successful against both teams, even though Canton has struggled at times during the season.

"Anything can happen," he said. "It's going to be another tough week."

Canton wrestlers show improvement as season progresses

Scott Spielman
Editor

Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph said he's beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

The Chiefs finished in 12th place at the 16-team Observerland tournament on Saturday, but a couple of their wrestlers notched huge wins.

Rob Schnettler (125) found himself matched up against Salem's Pete Bobe for the fourth time in his career. Schnettler

lost the previous three rounds, but he took this one 11-2, according to Randolph.

"I think we finally figured out how to motivate him," Randolph quipped. "He was glowing. It was a good win for him."

Dan Bergsma outwrestled Tim Moore, who was ranked ahead of him at the tournament, as well.

The Chiefs had strong showings from other wrestlers, too. Alex Freitag (135) went 2-2 and just missed placing, as did Tim Larsen (171).

Mark Kersten, the newest Chiefs, went

2-2 on the day, as well.

"He came out for the team late in the season," Randolph said. "He's just started to come around. I'm proud of him."

The tournament was a good follow up to their match last Thursday, when they fell to Churchill, 52-15. Corey Breitmeyer (119) Schnettler (125) won their matches, as did freshman Konrad Konsitzke (140).

"I'm expecting good things from him down the road," Randolph said. "He's a little ball of fury."

Randolph said the Chiefs still have

seven starters out of the lineup, and hopes to get two of them back before the team travels to Franklin tonight.

They'll take part of the Dexter Invitational on Saturday, too.

The Chiefs are 7-15 as a team, but edge a little closer each meet.

"You can see how they're getting better," Randolph said.

"We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. It's being noticed, too. We've got some positive things to look forward to with this team."

Gymnasts vault to 7th place

The Salem Rocks gymnastics squad finished in seventh place Saturday at the Farmington Invitational. Twelve teams were at the event, including defending state champions Rochester Adams, who took the honors Saturday, too.

"We did pretty good," said Salem Coach Dana Driscoll. "Everything went pretty well. The scoring was pretty tough on the bars and the beams, but the judges were tough on all the teams. Ashley Aquinto led the Rocks with a 35.55 in the all-round. That was good for second place overall in the Division II competition. She earned an 8.7 on the vault, an 8.9 on the bars, and 8.85 on the beam and a 9.2 on the floor, according to Driscoll.

Bethany Bartlett finished with a 34.65 in the all-around, which was good for tenth

place in the harder Division I competition. She finished with a 9.3 on the floor, a 9.1 on the vault, an 8.1 on the bars and an 8.95 on the beam.

The Rocks had strong performances from other athletes, as well. Allie Veraniak finished with an 8.8 on the floor. Megan McCarthy turned in an 8.7 on the floor. Katie Waldeck finished with an 8.75 on the floor, which turned out to be one of the better events for the Rocks.

Driscoll said she's seeing improvement in other areas, as well. Only one Salem athlete fell from the beam Saturday.

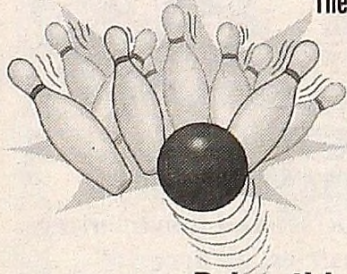
"That's been a problem for us in the past," she said.

The Rocks hosted Hartland last night and take on their cross campus rivals at the Canton Invitational on Saturday.

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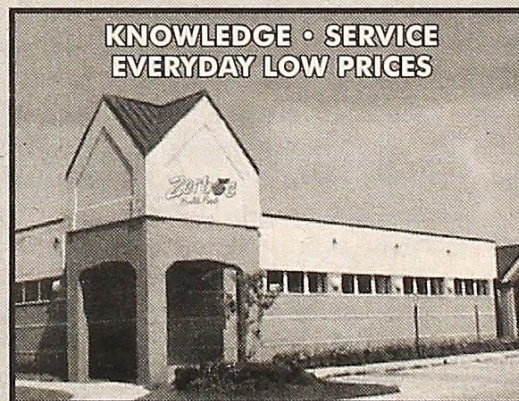
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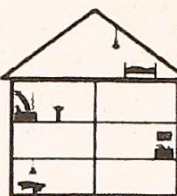
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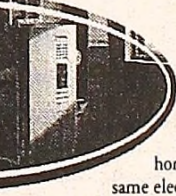
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 2G2AK37A7E2290990
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 YV1FX8847H2172791
 44-1953-02
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 1GNCT18W6YK247419
 44-5-03
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 2MECM74F1LX604444
 44-16-03
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 1G2JC14H3N7569218
 44-17-03
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 44-18-03
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 44-20-03
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 1G1JC1448R7307251
 44-29-03
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 2B4GH25K2NR740558
 44-32-03
1989 JEEP TK
 1J7GT26L9KL480721
 44-45-03
1988 GMC SW
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 44-47-03

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 1FAPP36X2LK134488
 44-1852-02
1988 OLDS 4D
 1G3HN54C1JW386335
 44-1915-02
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 2G2AG27X1E1306736
 44-1935-02
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 2GCEC19H7P1195329
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Redfire clear coat, dark charcoal cloth, front floor mats, sngr wing rr spoiler, pwr driver's seat, speed control, air, AM/FM stereo CD w/cik, 16" pntd alloy wheels, 3.8L EFI engine, 5-speed, manual trans, P225/55R16 94T BSW all-spn, pony pkg, lthr wrpd strng whl, 16" polished alum wheels, 6 CD changer radio w/mach.

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A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL \$306^{25**} per mo.	\$257^{25**} per mo.

2003 EXPLORER XLS 4x2



2003 model year, Aspen Green clear coat, graphite cloth capt chairs, floor mats, C/K carpet, air, XLS sport group, privacy glass, prem cassette/CD radio, cast aluminum wheels, 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng, 5-speed auto O/D trans, P235/70R16 A/S OWL tires, 3.73 LS axle.

NOW... \$19,459^{57*}
WAS \$28,060 Stock #30545
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A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL \$286^{45**} per mo.	\$242^{94**} per mo.

2003 EXPEDITION XLT 4x4



Estate Green clear coat met, medium parchment capt chair, leather, P265/70R17 OWL all-terrain, 3.73 ratio lim slip axle, running boards, auxiliary heater/air, prem in-dash stereo 6-CD/cass w/clock, fog lamps, third row seat, 5.4L EFI V8, 4-sp auto trans, reverse sensing system.

NOW... \$29,653^{36*}
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MUSTANG	0 Down \$1500	\$435 \$1973
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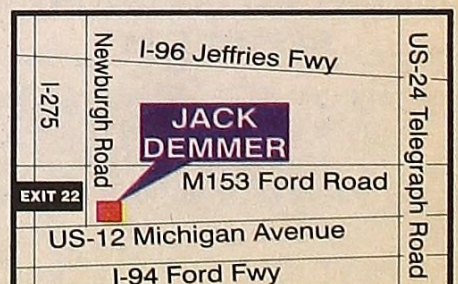


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